Programmes Telecast by Fashion Channel

†1029. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have studied the programmes being telecast by the fashion channel;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when, the telecast of this channel is likely to be discontinued or stopped?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) The programme of Fashion TV channel were monitored for a period of one week. Excerpts from the monitored programme were shown to the members of the Consultative Committee of MPs attached to the Ministry of I&B on 15th February, 2001. As decided in the Consultative Committee meeting, the concerns regarding the content of the programme were brought to the notice of the producers of the programme. The Government has taken up with the programme producer, the need to adhere to the Programme code, prescribed under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and Rules made thereunder, which provide *inter-alia* that no programme shall be carried in the cable service, which contains anything obscene, defamatory, deliberate, false and suggestive innuendos and half truths, and which denigrates women through the depiction, in any manner, of the figure of a women, her form or body or any part thereof in such a way as to have the effect of being indecent, or derogratory to women, or is likely to deprive, corrupt and injure the public morality or morals. The producers of the programme assured to do so.

Grant of Temporary status to casual labourers by IIMC

1030. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:
SHRI ABANI ROY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to reply to Starred Question 1 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th November, 2000 and state:

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(a) whether the reply to the abovesaid Question was factually incorrect which was later on clarified by the Secretary;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the instructions issued by her Ministry regarding grant of temporary status to the incumbent of the post have not been implemented by the Indian Institute of Mass Communications in *toto;*

(c) whether the Secretary has further been apprised on this subject by some M.P. *vide* letter dated 1st February, 2001; and

(d) if so, the action contemplated in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) The reply to the Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 1 answered on 20.11.2000 was factually correct.

(b) IIMC has passed necessary orders in the matter in pursuance of Ministry's letter, and they are working out further modalities for its implementation.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) As in (b) above.

TV Tower in Lowerkoti, Shimla

†1031. SHRIANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not made suitable arrangements for the maintenance of TV Tower in Lowerkoti, district Shimla in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether Government would consider to appoint a technician for the smooth functioning of the TV Tower, so that the public of that area can avail the optimum benefit of Doordarshan;

(c) whether Government would contemplate to convert this TV Tower into high-power tower; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The TV transmitter at Lowerkoti is unmanned, like all other very low power TV transmitters in

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